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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs

SUBJECT: Further Action under NSAM 192

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Sec/Def, DCI,
and D/ACDA from Deputy Under
Secretary of State, dated 12 April
1963, subject: same as above.

1. This Agency has reviewed the revised version of the Contingency Plan for U. S. Reaction to Soviet Placing of a Nuclear Weapon in Space. We had previously concurred in the earlier version with considerable reservations as to our capability to accomplish the required actions. We prefer the earlier version. We feel in particular that the second paragraph on page 4 tends to put the likelihood that we should resort to physical countermeasures too high. We believe that such physical countermeasures should only be used as a last resort, since such action could have the most serious adverse effects on critical U. S. intelligence programs and accordingly on our national security.

2. While we concur with the revised paper, we believe that our position should be made clear at this time so that our subsequent views at the time of ultimate decision will not be prejudiced by this concurrence.

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Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director
State

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